

# CHNYC TELTALE

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## Many Thanks

*Volunteers provided 1500 hours to support sailing and boating from Naval Sailing Center and Marina!*

Dennis Crowley  
Rear Commodore; Sail Training

As the end of the sailing season draws near, it brings some thoughts to mind. My immediate reaction is "No it can't be over, we had a late start". But, yes it's true.

The other reflections are on the fine, outstanding, super, conscientious, dedicated and faithful instructors we have. There are really not enough superlatives I can think of to describe the dedicated instructor core the CHNYC has. This has been an extremely busy season for me both in my personal and professional life. When I was absent from training, someone took the helm and sailed on. The students, CHNYC, and MWR benefited to a great degree because of this "can do" attitude.

I could spend the next three days thanking all of the instructors for their selfless giving to the sail-training program and still miss someone or some specific training that made it special for the student. In life I have found that sometimes words are not enough, this is one of those times. But I want to say a heartfelt

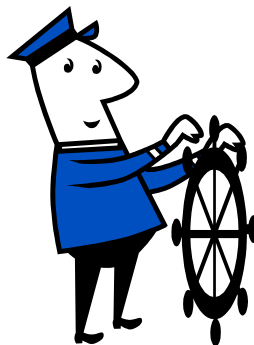
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## From the Helm

*Oh no ... where has the time gone ???*



Jim Gilmore  
Commodore, Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club

Jeez, it seems like we just put our boats in the water and now we're staring at the end of the season!!! Heavy sigh ... hopefully the weather will cooperate so we can maximize the time we have left.

But looking on the bright side, we've had a fun and eventful boating season thus far (even if the weather occasionally posed a bit of a challenge). Along with our boating programs (sail training, recreational & racing) we've enjoyed concerts and fireworks; cookouts; even a fishing tournament. All in all - I'd say a huge success.

So enjoy the remaining month or so we have and I hope to see a full house at our Annual End-of-Season Banquet & Awards Ceremony scheduled for November 7th.

There are rumors about that someone saw me stuffing a fish with rocks (can you believe it !!!) before turning in my prize catch-of-the-day during the fishing tournament. Well don't believe a word you hear ;o)

Jim ♦

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THANK YOU to all the instructors for making this a great training season, and I hope to see you all on the water next spring. Have a wonderful, hopefully short, winter.

Dennis❖

## From the Classroom

*180 students qualified as skippers!*

Paul Watters  
Rear Commodore; Ground School

My thanks to all the volunteer assistance this summer to keep the Ground School strong and productive. The instructors that provided six to eight hours of instruction each week from May through September are to be proud of their efforts, graduating over 200 students. The "Team Ground School" members are:

Don Denny  
Andy Batchelor  
Kevin Healy  
Scott Atkin  
Chuck Kesson  
John Allen  
Bill MacKay  
Bob Loewenthal  
Ken Ingerson  
Tom Lyon  
Paul Watters

Have a safe winter - I'll be calling you in the Spring!

Paul❖



## From the Social Director

*Join us on 7 November!*

Daisy Gilmore  
Social Director & Ship's Store Custodian

I'd like to thank all who helped make our two Marina Barbecue / Lawn Cookouts so successful ... I think everyone who attended had a real good time. We've also had a lot of activity with our Ship Store sells meaning folks are out there proudly displaying our YC colors (logo).

But now it's time to focus our attention to our next big event – MARK THOSE CALENDARS.

Our 'ANNUAL END-OF-SEASON AWARDS BANQUET' and Nomination/Induction of New Officers is scheduled for November 7th (Friday) at the O'Club. Cocktails/Social Hour will begin at 5:30pm with the dinner (the O'Club's bountiful & delectable buffet) around 6:30pm. Dress is 'Semi-Formal Yachting' attire (which can mean anything). A postcard mailing will be going out later with additional details. Cost will be \$32 per person. Hope to see a huge turnout for this event.

Daisy ❖

### WANT ADS:

- We need a Chaplain (or anyone with special motivation to do so) to give the invocation at our banquet. This isn't the Commodore's strongest suit (I think he's picked up a special vocabulary from the Shields Fleet 9 'Start Line' over the years and/or Harold Belson is a particularly harsh skipper???).
- New SHIP'S STORE Custodian ... I'm looking for someone to take over this position/responsibility. It's not a particularly demanding job but it's time to turn over the wheel to a new face. This is an excellent opportunity to actively get involved and do something for the YC.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### NUWC SONAR CUP

DATE: FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER

Last Regatta of the season

### NAVY MARINA & SAILING CENTER CLOSES

DATES: FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

SEE DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE.

### ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

PLACE: OFFICER'S CLUB

DATES: FRIDAY 7 NOVEMBER AT 5:30 PM

See details in this issue.

### CRUISING BOAT COURSE

DATES: TBA

CONTACT BEN RIGGS AND SEE DETAILS IN THIS ISSUE.



## From the Galley

*Secret family recipe for Grilled Stuffed Scup!*



Place 50 gallons of diesel fuel, 2 fishermen, 2 sailors, a case of beer, 10 pounds of ice, and 2 dozen shiners into a very expensive fiberglass vessel. Marinate them in the Bay for 10 hours (or overnight). Place a fresh shiner on the hook and lower into warm salted water. Whisk the hook to the surface every hour and pour beer into the fishermen. If a scup has consumed the shiner and appears on the hook, pour a beer into a sailor while the fisherman deals with the fish. Keep the cycle going until you have a. run out of shiners, b. run out of beer, c. run out of fuel, d. break the vessel, or e. catch a scup, (minimum of 12 inches in length).

Take each scup and rub the outside with extra virgin olive oil (or diesel fuel). Take a cup of small rocks and wash them well. Place the rocks into the fish cavity along with 1/2 cup of seasoned breadcrumbs and four anchovies (or leftover shiners). Dredge the oiled stuffed fish in 1/2 cup of flour seasoned with Old Bay. Take the fish to the official tournament scales to make sure it weighs at least 5 pounds -- if not add more rocks.

Grill the stuffed scup over a charcoal fire for about 5 minutes per side (or the length of time it takes the sailors to consume the leftover beer). Let the fish (and fishermen) rest of 15 minutes before serving with garden salad and garlic bread.

#### Ingredients:

50 gal fuel (\$100)

1 case beer (\$7)

10 lbs ice (\$2)

24 Shiners (\$5)

Prep time: 12 hours

Cook time : 10 minutes

Bragging rights: timeless & priceless



# From the Race Course

*CHNYC Series incorporates Shields and Rhodes 19!*

Ben Riggs  
Rear Commodore, Race Committee

## **RHODES & SHIELDS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES**

The Shields joined the Rhodes during July and August due to the restriction on racing against non-Navy boats. Once that was lifted, we went back to a Rhodes-only format. For those wanting to get sailing experience, there are usually plenty of crew positions open on Wednesday nights.

## **REGATTAS**

The Winslow Cup for Shields and Rhodes was held on August 2nd. 3 sets of races were held. The signal boat was ably assisted by Ed Munroe and Scott Atkin on the mark boat.

The Volvo Leukemia Cup was held over the August 15-17 weekend. We provided assistance and equipment to support this event. 68 boats participated, and over \$120,000 (a record) was raised for leukemia research.

Two Navy Shields entered the Around The Island Race sponsored by the Conanicut Yacht Club on August 31, competing against another three civilian boats in Division A. A total of 123 boats competed. The Division A winner was Bernie Patterson on Ann, Shields #163. WE'RE BACK!

The Special Olympics was held on September 27-28, utilizing most of the available Rhodes; Rick Matton acted as P.R.O. Other events included the President's Cup on October 3 (Rhodes), and the Sail for Hope (Rhodes, Shields, or anything that sails in PHRF) on October 4th. The Sonar Cup was postponed until later in the month.

## **Big Boat Course**

We are deciding whether there would be sufficient participation if another winter cruising boat course were held this year, Wednesday nights, 7-9 PM. The course covers the ground school requirements (other than navigation) for skippering a 40 ft. auxiliary powered sailboat, coastal and offshore, day or night. If you are interested, please e-mail me at [rmcriggs@earthlink.net](mailto:rmcriggs@earthlink.net).

Ben Riggs ❖



## CHNYC on the WEB

Yacht Club members have taken some excellent pictures of our activities this summer. This includes coverage of the Rhode and Shields racing as well as the fishing tournament. Some of them are included in this issue of the Telltale.

If you haven't had a chance to see these new pictures stop by the CHNYC web site at [www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc/](http://www.nwc.navy.mil/chnyc/). If you have some good digital pictures and you're willing to share those, please send an electronic copy to me.

Paul Schmidle ❖

## From the Shields Fleet

*The Shields remain afloat!*

Harold Belson  
Fleet Captain, Shields

It is amazing how quickly the world changes when the sun finally shines after a terrible storm.

In the last issue I reported that MWR Headquarters determined that the MWR self-insurance program did not adequately cover them when Navy boats compete against non-Navy boats. Consequently local Navy competition with the private boats in Fleet 9's 30-boat fleet was suspended. Additionally MWR announced that they planned on selling four of the six Shields this season due to their large losses in the Recreation Boating Program. An apparent hopeless storm was brewing and there was no life raft in sight!

The Shields racing community looked near and far in an attempt to survive. One of many actions was a letter to the Chief of Naval Operations addressing Washington level liability concerns. RADM Purcell, PERS-6 in the Bureau of Naval Personnel, responded that they had reviewed the matter further and advised that an official opinion from the JAG Admiralty Division offered no objection to competitive racing. We were again authorized to race with the private boats in town. What wonderful news!

On top of that, the Naval Station agreed to take a second look at their recreation boating program and examine ways to repair their financial hemorrhaging. At a recent open forum with the Naval Station, Executive Officer CDR Stewart, advised of their willingness to search for solutions and agreed to form an ad-hoc committee to work to that end.

Additionally, Ms. Dee Richards confirmed that all six Shields would be retained for next year. While the storm is not yet over, the eye has passed and the waves are abating. With an open mind and a cooperative spirit there may yet be a solution to MWR's financial losses in recreational boating.

With the efforts of many, the Navy Shields fleet in Newport has an opportunity to survive.

Shields racing continued within the Navy fleet during the eleven week hiatus, thanks to Race Committee

## From the Rhodes Fleet

*Competition is keen!*

Seth Moyer  
Fleet Captain, Rhodes 19

We are winding down another very successful year of racing. We have two weeks to go in the Fall Series and the competition is fierce for the top spots each week. Participation has been excellent. We've been averaging 11 boats a week in the Fall Series after averaging 8 boats a week during the Summer due to a limited number of boats in the water during marina construction. We have had 18 different skippers enter boats this year.

The results of the summer series were:

1st Place – Herb Rommel  
2nd Place – Scott Viloudaki  
3rd Place – Tom Gunzelman

On August 2nd we held the George Winslow Memorial Regatta. We had an excellent day for racing and completed 4 races. We've had 7 skippers enter the event and all raced the four races. Each skipper's top three races were used to determine the final results. The top three places in the 2003 Winslow Regatta were:

1st Place – Herb Rommel (1,1,1) – 3 pts  
2nd Place – Seth Moyer (1,3,3) – 7 pts  
3rd Place – Rick Matton (4,2,2) – 8 pts

I would like to thank all the racers for their participation and camaraderie. Please make plans to come to the end of the year banquet and awards ceremony.

Seth ❖

Chairman Ben Riggs, whom accommodated the Shields with a separate start from the Rhodes. Navy Shields rejoined the town boats with Fleet 9 on August 27. Although the racing season doesn't end until October 1, current overall positions are as follows: 1st Shields #163 Bernie Patterson by a large margin; 2nd #14 Ron Oard; 3rd #1 Harold Belson; 4th #29 Dean Schofield; and 5th #15 John Allen. Awards in the Winslow Cup went to: 1<sup>st</sup> #14 Ron Oard and 2<sup>nd</sup> #164 Will Johnson.

Harold. ❖



## From the Power Squadron

### *Docking made easy!*

Melvin Lash  
Rear Commodore, Power Squadron

Chinese fire drills when docking occur from the lack of preparation by you the skipper. Both wind and current and tide can be used in docking maneuvers. You must visualize the complete evolutions, step by step, BEFORE attempting your approach. If the wind or current will help or hinder any step, the estimate of the situation must be made of your problem and allowance made throughout the maneuver.

As skipper NEVER leave your helm, unless of course alone. You can control your boat through the use of the power and wheel and back-off if necessary and recommence your landing with care and no damage to any vessels or your personal feelings.

Pre-prepare the use of your bow, spring and stern lines before you commence your final approach. I have learned that it is best to have "temporary" docking lines of at least 25'. Do not rely on the lines you have permanently attached to your float or pier pilings as their reach to your deck hand(s) may change because of the wind or current.

Explain to your crew/helper how to throw a line properly to that person on the pier or float who might be there to assist you. Also assume that he may be unfamiliar with handling lines. Coil about two-thirds of the free end in the heaving hand, arranged so that the outside turns will run out smoothly and without fouling. The heave is made with a sweeping side-arm motion, NOT directly at but slightly over the person ashore who is to catch it. If you can have such receiver instructor to extend an arm to his side and toss the line crossing it. If the first cast misses, do not try a second until the line is properly recoiled as above.

Your deckhand should instruct the receiver what cleat or Sampson post to put the LOOP on - you have to give him this info. Some dock helpers want to help but do not know what to do. They must be told. You on the boat should always control the situation, not visa-versa. Your deck hand then can pull the boat in and fasten the line to the cleat.

Read up on the use of the spring line especially if you have a single screw vessel as it can be the most helpful of all the lines if necessary and especially when alone. After your bow, spring and stern lines are secured and you are tucked in you can easily replace the temps with your permanent dock lines or if in a "foreign" port of call, easily adjust the temps now permanent, especially FROM the boat and next to a pier with tidal changes. Good seamanship is an art. You can learn from reading marine manuals a great deal as to handling lines properly and with ease. This makes for more enjoyable boating especially for you, the skipper.

Next issue----Anchoring.

Captain Seaweed. ❖

## From the Vice Commo

### *We went fishing!*

Tom Hughes  
Vice Commodore

The Coasters Harbor Navy Yacht Club (CHNYC) sponsored a fishing tournament that started Friday night and ended noon on Sunday. Twenty-five fishermen signed-up for the event. High winds and rough seas kept some of the fishing boats at the docks, opening the door for the shore fishermen.



*Brett receiving his prize check.*

Ten year-old Brett Hughes swept the kids category with a Scup he caught right behind the Officer's Club, winning him \$100. Greg Vespe hooked a five pound Fluke near the Newport Bridge just as the Coast Guard was clearing boats away from the bridge due to the Vice President's motorcade crossing. Vespe's Fluke won him \$300. He's already written a letter thanking the Vice President. Tom Merchant from NUWC hooked a 25 pound Striper off Brenton Reef, earning himself \$500. \$800 worth of prizes were awarded for second and third place in each category.

The tournament ended with a cookout near the marina. Buco Brothers, Sam's Bait and Tackle, Life Raft and Survival Equipment Company, Edwards Fishing Tackle and Newport Nautical helped sponsor the event. CHNYC's Commodore, Jim Gilmore, hopes to make the tournament an annual event.

Tom ❖

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Very important ... areas in which you'd like to help and/or get involved with: We particularly need help with ...

☐ On-The-Water Sail Training    ☐ Ground School    ☐ Race Committee

Ask about our incentives associated with these programs:

☐ Sail Qualification Upgrades (Rhodes/Shields)      ☐ Power Squadron      ☐ Cruising  
☐ Facilities (including Weather Emergency Crew)      ☐ Special Events (Picnics, Socials, Etc)

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*A close finish during the Fall Series in the Rhodes 19 Class. See the CHNYC WEB site for exciting racing photo coverage.*